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Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/042,332 ; Filed: January 11, 2002  
For: Modular Test Adapter For Rapid Action Engagement  
Inventor(s): LANGOUET et al  
Our Ref: 0284-0004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form PTO-1449
3. One (1) return postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 32256. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of:

LANGOUET et al

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Filing Date: January 11, 2002

Title: Modular Test Adapter For Rapid Action  
Engagement Interface



Art Unit: 2858

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Atty. Docket: 0284-0004

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention on any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that there does not exist information more material to the examination of the present patent application. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will review art of record in all 35 U.S.C. § 120 priority documents.

☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

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☐c. Attached is our check no. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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☐4. Relevance of the non-English language document(s) is discussed in the present specification. See pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the specification of the present application.

☐5. The document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding foreign application. ☐ A copy of a search report issued in the foreign application is attached. ☐ An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. M.P.E.P. § 609 (A)(3).

☐6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) ☐ is attached hereto or ☐ appears below.

☐7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is

respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).
- ☐ 9. Other: .


It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **50-0622**

Respectfully submitted,

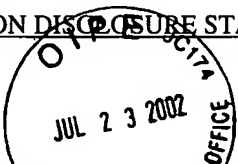
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE
	AA1	5,966,023	10/12/1999	Burgers et al		
	AB1	5,942,906	08/24/1999	Stowers et al		
	AC1	5,936,421	08/10/1999	Stowers et al		
	AD1	5,850,147	12/15/1998	Stowers et al		
	AE1	5,633,597	05/27/1997	Stowers et al		
	AF1	5,576,631	11/19/1996	Stowers et al		
	AG1	5,420,519	05/30/1995	Stowers et al		
	AH1	5,227,718	07/13/1993	Stowers et al		
	AI1	5,103,378	07/04/1992	Stowers et al		
	AJ1	Des.299,715	02/07/1989	Stowers et al		
	AK1	4,667,155	05/19/1987	Coiner et al		
	AL1	4,626,780	12/02/1986	Powers et al		
	AM1	4,571,540	02/18/1986	Stowers et al		
	AN1	4,537,463	08/27/1985	Coiner et al		
	AO1	4,417,206	11/22/1983	Stowers		
	AP1	4,296,990	10/27/1981	Stowers et al		
	AQ1	4,219,935	09/02/1980	Braginetz et al		
	AR1	4,213,666	07/22/1980	Braginetz et al		
	AS1	4,329,005	05/11/1982	Braginetz et al		
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